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## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

## **Listing of Claims:**

 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): A method of monitoring one or more substances of interest comprising:

applying a plurality of out of plane microneedles to a surface of an internal region, said microneedles long enough to sample one or more substances of interest at and/or just below said surface;

# The method of claim 9 further comprising:

said microneedles comprising <u>a plurality of dialysis one or more</u>-membranes on a side opposite a side applied to said surface such that said <del>membrane</del>-membranes are is-not placed under said surface<sub>2</sub>:

said membrane separating in said microneedles from a dialysis material; such that dialysis occurs outside of said internal region.

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 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): The method of claim 2-or-1 further wherein: said <u>plurality of one-or more-dialysis</u> membranes comprise a large total membrane surface that <u>ean remain\_remains\_outside</u> of said internal region.

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 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): The method of claim 2-or-19 further wherein: a plurality of said microneedles are pre-filled with a fluid before said applying.

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(CURRENTLY AMENDED): <u>A method of monitoring glucose disorders comprising:</u>
preparing a plurality of out-of-plane microneedles for applying to the skin of a
subject with a dialysis membrane remaining outside the skin;

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fixing a detecting substance useful in determining glucose levels on an opposite side of said dialysis membrane from said needles:

wherein said fixing is accomplished by placing a polymer-detecting substance solution at an opposite side of said membrane after higher temperature fabrication and/or assembly steps of said microneedles have been performed.

applying said plurality of out-of-plane microneedles to the skin of a subject with a dialysis membrane remaining outside the skin; and

<u>performing continuous glucose monitoring by testing composition of a dialysis fluid remaining outside the skin and separated from said microneedles by said dialysis membrane:</u>

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38. (CURRENTLY AMENDED): A method of monitoring one or more substances of interest comprising: The method of claim 9 further wherein:

applying a plurality of out of plane microneedles to a surface of an internal region, said microneedles are long enough to prestress a region of the surface at a needle lumen;

and further comprising:

applying high pressure to a small local surface region through said microneedles to cause rupture of the cell matrix to open a connection between fluids inside the-a needle lumen and bodily fluids underneath the broken skin layer; and

using said connection to sample one or more substances of interest at and/or just below said surface.

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